MISSION:

**Working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish,
wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.**

Trust Resources

- Migratory birds
- Species listed under the Endangered Species Act
- Inter-jurisdictional fishes
- Marine mammals
- Service lands

Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 1956

- Provides for FWS involvement in Water Resource Projects
- Enacted to protect fish and wildlife when federal actions modify water resources.
- Federal agencies must:
  - Consider effect of project
  - Take action to prevent loss or damage
  - Provide for improvement of resources

National Environmental Policy Act, 1969

- Impacts of Federal agency actions upon the environment
- Coordination between agencies
  - Alternative analysis
  - Documentation of impact analyses
    - Environmental Assessment
    - Environmental Impact Statement
- Allows FWS to serve as a Partnering or Cooperating agency in project development

Endangered Species Act, 1973

- ID, conserve federally protected T&E species
- Conserve ecosystems
- Recovery is ultimate goal
- 18 ESA Sections
  - Sec. 7
    - Federal agency actions may not jeopardize species
    - Effect Determination
    - Consultation Requirements
      - Informal
      - Formal

Issues

- Direct/Indirect Impacts to species or habitat
  - Crab Bank, Shutes Folly, Bird Key
- Timing
  - Breeding season, night time lighting
- Potential contaminants
- Dredge spoil placement
  - CDF, ODMDS

Piping Plover, *Charadrius melodus*

Loggerhead Seaturtle, *Caretta caretta*

Manatee, *Trichechus manatus*